

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: 2014-07-20 (1)

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 1900441.001

Medium: Image File

Publisher: Not applicable

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Not applicable

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 25 November 2019

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 25 November 2019

Summary of reasons for decision:

The publication is an image of a woman in underwear lying on a bed with a young child next to her. The woman smiles at the camera as she displays the girl's clothed buttocks to the camera. This has the effect of sexualising the girl. It is one of a series of images depicting a sexually exploitative situation. Its most likely purpose is the titillation of those with a sexual interest in children. It therefore tends to promote and support the exploitation of children for sexual purposes and is deemed to be objectionable under s3(2)(a) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993. The objectionable classification given to this image file interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention to limit the availability of publications which that tend to promote and support the exploitation of children for sexual purposes. The classification also reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.